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SUBJ: AHRAH CRITICIZES BREZHNEV SPEECH ON ME SETTLEMENT

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1. CAIRO DAILIES MARCH 22 CARRY MATTER-OF-FACT PRESENTATION OF
SPEECH BY BREZHNEV TO TRADE UNION MEETING CONCERNING ME PEACE
SETTLEMENT, BUT AHRAH CARRIES ACCOMPANYING FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL
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REBUTTING BREZHNEV "VISUALIZATION". AHRAH CRITICISM FOCUSES
ON ONLY TWO POINTS: (A) ANNOYANCE THAT SOVIET LEADER SHOULD PRESUME TO

LECTURE RED SEA LITTORAL STATES CONCERNING FREEDOM OF ISRAELI
SHIPPING IN RED SEA AND TO LECTURE EGYPT CONCERNING SUEZ CANAL
PASSAGE AND (B) ASSERTION THAT BREZHNEV TOTALLY IGNORING
PALESTINIAN QUESTION, CORE OF ME PROBLEM IN SOVIET PROPOSALS.

AHRAM WONDERS EDITORIALY WHETHER NEW BREZHNEV CONCERN WITH ISRAELI SECURITY NOT LINKED IN SOME WAY WITH REPORT THAT EBAN SUGGESTING THAT SOVIETS AND ISRAELIS MAY RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE (REFTEL). PERHAPS, CONCLUDES AHRAM, BREZHNEV ATTEMPTING TO OUTBID PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. COMMENT: CAUSE FOR AHRAM EDITORIAL ARE DIFFICULT TO FATHOM, SINCE ARTICLE NOTES THAT BREZHNEV CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF PAL-ESTINIAN RIGHT TO ESTABLISH OWN STATE. AHRAM MAKES NO COMMENT ON BREZHNEV TIMETABLE OR PROPOSAL FOR DEMILITARIZED ZONES, NOR ARE US-USSR GUARANTEES AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCES MENTIONED IN AHRAM CRITIQUE. IN WAKE OF BREZHNEV STATEMENT, IT OCCURS TO US THAT POSSIBLY SUDDEN CALL BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYAKOV ON ARAFAT MARCH 20 (REFTEL) INVOLVED ADVANCE PASSAGE TO PLO LEADERSHIP OF BREZHNEV'S UPCOMING REMARKS ON ME SETTLEMENT. MATTHEWS

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